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Applicant: Akbar S. Hussaini, et al. : Confirmation No.: 1458
Serial No.: 10/790,410 : Group Art Unit: 3752
Filing Date: March 1, 2004 : Examiner: Thach H. Bui
For: APPLICATION HEAD FOR APPLYING FLUID MATERIAL
TO SUBSTRATE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.143

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated February 24, 2005, please consider the following remarks.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Pursuant to 35 USC 121, the Examiner says that restriction to one of the following inventions is required:

- I. Claims 1-13, drawn to an applicator head having a body portion, a nozzle plate, and at least one material delivery system, classified in class 239, subclass 556.
- II. Claims 14-46, drawn to a sound damping composition comprising n-butyl, and at least about 0.5% by weight of low-density glass bead filler, classified in class 524.

Referring to MPEP 806.04 and 808.01, the Examiner states that these inventions are "distinct" because they are unrelated, i.e., they are not disclosed as being capable of use together and they have different modes of operation, different functions, or different effects. Specifically, the Examiner states that "Claims 1-13 drawn to an applicator head having a body portion, a nozzle plate and at least one material delivery system and Claims 14-46 drawn to a sound damping composition comprises (*sic*) n-butyl, and at least about 0.5% by weight of a low-density glass bead filler" are two different inventions.

In response thereto, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, the Invention Group II subject matter of Claims 14-46 drawn to the sound damping composition and methods. Applicants also respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw this restriction requirement for the following reasons.

The Examiner says these inventions are "unrelated" and not disclosed as being capable of use together. However, Applicants direct the Examiner's attention to the specification, where the Field of the Invention, the Summary of the Invention, and paragraphs [0036] and [0045], among others, state that the applicator head is useful for applying the sound-damping composition to a substrate and in practicing the claimed methods. Thus, the inventions of Groups I and II are disclosed as being capable of use together, and are related.

Moreover, MPEP Section 803 states:

"If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions."

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Other than referring to different patent classifications for Inventions I and II, no other basis is provided for why searching both inventions would be difficult or burdensome. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the restriction requirement be withdrawn and that Inventions I and II as defined by Claims 1-46 be examined together.

Conclusion

Applicants believe that a proper response has been provided to each matter raised by the Examiner in the pending restriction requirement. Applicants request reconsideration of the application in view of the election and arguments contained herein, and the allowance of all claims.

Applicants would appreciate the courtesy of a telephone call should the Examiner have any questions or comments with respect to this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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